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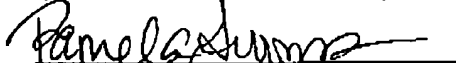
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**Amendments and Response to Final Office Action**

Dear Commissioner:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
September 18, 2006, due on or before December 18, 2006. Reconsideration is  
respectfully requested in view of the remarks as indicated below:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 this paper.**
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**